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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

LAST week's seventieth anniversary of the death of Karl Marx passed almost unnoticed in either East or West, and this is probably a sign of the times. In a questionnaire of the late (and unlamented) Committee on Un-American Affairs, Question Number 37 read, "Was Marx crazy"? and the answer is: Perhaps. Marx was not the first evil and crazy man to start a terrible world upheaval..." This surely is a typical instance of deep historical and political insight! And it is regrettable that people in the West who should know better have reached similar conclusions, though putting it of course in more sophisticated a way.

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MARX' belief in having discovered, once and for all, the economic, historical and philosophic laws governing modern society might appear somewhat naive to us now, and the even more sweeping assertions of his less enlightened self-styled heirs are mostly foolish and annoying. But this should not blind us to the fact that Marx did make a most important contribution in various fields of science and that even his mistakes (admittedly not so very few) enormously illuminated the study of history and economics. This does not go of course for philosophy, a field for which he had not much time to spare in his mature years and which became the domain of his colleague, Friedrich Engels, who in this respect at least was the forerunner of the "terrible simplificateurs" against whom Burckhardt had warned the world. Yet whatever our opinion about Marx as a thinker we should at least be able to appreciate his great work as a historical phenomenon.

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YET whatever has been said about and done to Marx in the West, the obscurantists there have at least not banned his works — which is more than can be said about the East. It is one of the paradoxes of history that one can get Marx's book in the West but not in the East, apart from a few carefully expurgated selections; which only goes to show that the best way to discredit and suppress an idea is not to oppose it but pay lip service to it while perverting it both in letter and spirit.

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THE publication of the Collected Works of Marx and Engels in the original has been discontinued now for many years in Moscow. The first editor, Ryazanov, was ousted more than twenty years ago; his successor Adoratski was dropped on the eve of the Second World War, notwithstanding his undisputed ability in manipulating historical documents. There is a so-called "complete edition" of Marx's works in Russian, but many of his books and articles have simply not been included (such as the famous "Secret Diplomatic History of the 18th Century") while other documents, such as the Inaugural Address of the First International (the most important paper on modern socialism after the "Communist Manifesto") has been altered past recognition. And even so, the so-called Russian "Collected Works" cannot be bought by ordinary people; officially it is 'out of print," unofficially it is given only to "reliable" scholars. Some of Marx's articles written in the fifties and sixties of the last century, dealing mainly with Eastern European affairs and suppressed behind the Iron Curtain, have been published this year by the "Free Press" in Chicago and a London publishing house. But this is only a small part of his work, most of which has become inaccessible to both students and the public at large. To the many burdens of the West a new responsibility will soon be added, the publishing of the works of Marx and Engels. And all this as a period in which the "idea of Marxism is victorious because it is right," according to the official slogan.

Jerusalem, March 21.

Cabinet to Approve Reparations Today

The $823m. Reparations Agreement signed at Luxemburg on September 10, 1952, by Foreign Minister Sharett and Chancellor Adenauer is expected to be ratified today by the Cabinet at its weekly meeting in Jerusalem.

Ratification was recommended by the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee which took note of a statement by the Foreign Minister about the revision of the clause barring German shipping from Israel ports. A clause was expunged from an exchange of letters stating that to the extent that Israel is unable to provide shipping for reparations goods, shipping should be chartered by the German Government out of reparations marks but that the ships should not fly the German flag.

The position therefore remains that Israel ships shall carry as much as possible. The Israel government will be able to charter other ships for foreign currency. Although the ban on German shipping is lifted, Foreign Ministry officials have given assurances that it was unlikely that German ships would actually call in Israel waters in the near future.

The vote in the Foreign Affairs Committee was eight to five. The eight votes were those of Mapai and Hapoel Hamizrahi members who had originally voted in favour of negotiations with Germany last year. Of the four General Zionists who had originally opposed negotiations (the party was then in opposition), two voted against ratification, one abstained and the fourth was absent. This may be a clue as to how the party's representatives will vote in the Cabinet today.

Mapam and Herut members in the Committee opposed ratification. The Communists and the other small parties are not represented in the committee.

The Cabinet's ratification today will be final. The recommendation of the Foreign Affairs Committee is not normally necessary for the ratification of treaties, but in this case the Government was under a special obligation because of an undertaking given by the Prime Minister in the Knesset that final approval would be sought from the Committee to which the matter had been referred by the plenary.

Speaking on Friday at a luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial club, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister without Portfolio, said that many had opposed the Treaty and tried to upset it. He added that reparations would become an important lever in developing the country like the American loans, grants and the National Funds. But, he added, the country could not depend upon outside funds only, and a great local effort was also necessary.

Heuss Signs Pact On Reparations

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — President Heuss yesterday signed the Reparations Agreement with Israel after it was approved by the Bundesrat in the morning. The Bundestag passed it on Wednesday.

(The ratification of the Reparations Agreement by the German Parliament will be discussed by the political committee of the Arab League this week, MEABS reported. The committee will discuss what practical steps should be taken, and their recommendations will be brought in the meeting of the League's Council to be held next Saturday.

(In Damascus, official Syrian circles voiced their bitterness that Germany should not have met the Arab request to postpone the ratifications.)

In Berlin, the East German parliament declared that West Germany's treaties with the West ratified by the Bundestag on Thursday were "null and void" and proclaimed a fight of "national liberation" against the West German government.

'High Treason'

At an extraordinary meeting of the two Houses, the East German parliament called for Four-Power talks on Germany to unify the country and prepare a peace treaty. The deputies cheered when the Speaker read telegrams appealing to East Germany to create her own national armed forces.

Premier Grotewohl said the Bundestag's ratification of the European defence community treaty was an act of "national high treason."

Lower Saxony Bans Big Neo-Nazi Party

HANOVER, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Government of Lower Saxony today banned the "German Rally" as a neo-Nazi organization.

State police swooped in simultaneous dawn raids on the homes of known rally leaders and confiscated "a big collection of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic literature."

The State Interior Ministry said the "German Rally" was the biggest successor organization to the Socialist Reich party, which the Constitutional court banned last October as a copy of Hitler's Nazi party.

Lebanese Seize Foreign Power Firm

The French Minister to Beirut delivered an oral protest to Acting Lebanese Foreign Minister George Hakim yesterday on the seizure by Lebanese authorities of the Franco-Belgian Electric Co., NEABS reports. The company was seized on Friday after it had refused to yield to several Lebanese demands to improve its services.

The authorities dismissed all foreign staff, according to the NEABS report.

Frequent power failures during the past months have been attributed to the overloading of lines and inadequate generating equipment.

According to the French protest, the seizure consitutes a violation of the Franco-Lebanese financial pact of 1950.

The power company is one of several state-licensed monopolies in Lebanon. Others include the Beirut Tramway System and the Regie Tobacco Company.

The Government has charged the company with failure to finance a scheme to build a new power plant at Zouk Mikael outside Beirut.

Two Arabs Killed In Bet Govrin Clash

An Israel soldier was wounded and two Arabs were killed in a clash which occurred south of Bet Govrin on Friday evening, an Army spokesman announced yesterday. Fire was opened by an armed band of Jordanians well within Israel territory on an Israel Army patrol which immediately returned the fire.

Shortly after, a second group of Arabs came to the help of the attackers and opened fire on the patrol from a different direction. Following an exchange of fire lasting one and a half hours the Jordanians retreated in the direction of the Hebron hills. A complaint was lodged to the Israel-Jordan MAC.

Jordan Version

According to an AP report Jordan sources claimed that Arab Legion troops had frustrated an alleged attempt by 30 Israel soldiers to steal sheep from Adna village in the Hebron area. The soldiers, the Arabs charged, had penetrated 300 metres within Jordan territory and were repulsed after a two-hour engagement in which the Israel forces suffered casualties. The Jordan delegate to the MAC, Major Moahmmed Ishaq, lodged a complaint and demanded the immediate investigation by U.N. observers, the report stated.

Three infiltrators were killed, one wounded and 11 captured by Security Forces in the week ending Thursday, an Army spokesman announced yesterday. Six clashes occurred with armed infiltrators, mainly in the Egyptian sector, it was said. Thirty-two head of cattle and 240 metres of pipes were stolen, he said.

The spokesman gave further details of the Negev mine incident briefly reported, on Friday as follows:

At about 11 o'clock on Wednesday night a violent explosion was heard in one of the outbuildings of the workers Negev and a green Very light was seen immediately afterwards. A fence which went out in the area found a circle which had been made by the explosion of a mine and the body of an Arab on which were found bits of a military uniform and a live grenade. The body of a second Arab was discovered at dawn and on it an automatic pistol, the commonly used Jordanian pistol was found. The Jordanians indicated that they had begun provocation of the Arab unit, and he assumed that they entered the area to lay mines, one of which exploded.

Zapotocky New Czech President; Siroky Premier

VIENNA, Saturday (AP). — Czechoslovakia's rubber stamp Parliament today elected Antonin Zapotocky, 68-years-old Communist reportedly wanted by the Dutch as a war criminal, as new President of the nation.

Zapotocky was unanimously elected by 271 Assembly delegates to succeed 56-year-old Klement Gottwald, who died on March 14 after returning to Prague from Stalin's funeral. At the same time, the Central Committee of the Communist Party proposed that Zapotocky's post as Premier be taken over by Viliam Siroky, 50 year old vice-Premier and former Foreign Minister.

Zapotocky, who was sworn in immediately after his election,

Zapotocky

probably will make the appointment of Siroky his first official act.

Zapotocky had been Premier since shortly after the communists seized power in a bloodless revolution in 1948. Siroky was appointed a vice-Premier earlier this year, going to the job from the Foreign Ministry. His nomination as Premier was regarded in Vienna as an effort to bury differences between the Czechs and Slovaks. Siroky is the head of the Communist Party in Slovakia.

Acted Quickly

Zapotocky was proposed as President by the Central Committee of the Communist Party and Siroky was charged with the task of putting the nomination before Parliament. Parliament had been summoned to meet after the party session and it acted quickly and without question upon the recommendation.

The Central Committee of the Party also gave vice-Premier Antonin Novotny the task of heading the Secretariat of "Orgbureau" of the Party. Novotny is a one-time newsboy who sold communist publications

Mossadegh Rejects U.S.-U.K. Oil Plan

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Persia yesterday rejected Anglo-American proposals to solve the two-year-old oil dispute and called on the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to name the limit of its demand for compensation.

Persia would then put that figure to the International Court at The Hague and abide by its decision, Dr. Mossadegh, the Prime Minister, said in a broadcast. "The door is always open for negotiations," he added.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said the Persian rejection was based on a fallacious interpretation of the letter and spirit of the proposals. Britain must continue to insist on the principle of compensation for loss of enterprise, he added.

Peace Prospects Soar as Moscow Intensifies Drive for Conciliation

Gross Makes Appeal To Russia in U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (AP). — The United States made a new appeal to Russia today in the name of humanity to "work side by side with all of us here for the goal of peace."

The appeal was made by the U.S. delegate, Mr. Ernest Gross, in the 60-nation Political Committee. He said he was "disappointed" by the answer which Russia's Valerian Zorin gave two days ago to the earlier American appeal for concrete evidence of the Kremlin's avowed desires for peace.

Just before Mr. Gross spoke today, Mr. Zorin told the Committee that the best way to achieve peace was along the lines Russia had been urging for the past seven years — by immediate reduction of armaments and prohibition of atomic weapons. The Western Powers have rejected these proposals repeatedly on the ground that there must be an iron-clad system of inspection before they would ever agree to arms reductions or a ban on atomic weapons.

Mild Speech

Mr. Zorin told the Committe that despite the long deadlock, Russia felt the continuation of the U.N. Disarmament Commission was necessary and continued disarmament discussions were possible. His speech appeared mild and conciliatory to those who have listened to the tirades which the Russians usually hurl at the U.S.

Mr. Gross, however, said there was nothing new in Mr. Zorin's speech.

After debating three hours the Committee decided by 58 votes to nil to ask the Disarmament Commission to continue its work. The Russian Bloc voted with the West on this proposal, although the Communists voted against other provisions on the resolution which endorsed the Western stand on disarmament. Argentina and Burma abstained.

The vote on the 14-nation resolution as a whole was 50 against five (Soviet Bloc) with five abstentions (Argentina, Burma, Indonesia, India and Saudi Arabia). The Committee completed its action on disarmament by rejecting a Soviet resolution criticizing the Disarmament Commission for allegedly trying to get military intelligence data for the Western Powers. The Committee adjourned until Monday after the Indonesian delegate, Mr. L.P. Palar, proposed it should reshuffle its agenda because of what he called the conciliatory words spoken during the debate.

100,000 East Germans Flee This Year

BERLIN, Saturday (UP). — A total of 100,615 East Germans have escaped to West Berlin to seek political asylum, the authorities announced today. Of these more than 36,000 came in March.

It was also announced that 48,813 refugees were flown out to West Germany under the special airlift evacuation programme during the first three months.

Tito Ends Successful London Visit

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Tito, of Yugoslavia, left London today guarded as closely as ever as his five-day official visit came to a close. He was seen off at a Thames River pier by Foreign Secretary Eden. Before leaving he told Mr. Eden, "I hope I will see you again in Yugoslavia."

A communique issued last night at the end of the talks with British officials said that the visit had "helped still further develop the close understanding between the two governments and to strengthen the friendship between the two countries forged in two wars. Both governments are confident that these bonds will endure."

"In the course of a series of discussions conducted in a frank and cordial atmosphere there was a far-reaching review of the international situation which revealed a wide identity of view. Britain welcomes the recent development of close relations between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey as a valuable contribution to the strengthening of peace.

"It was recognized that an improvement in relations between Yugoslavia and Italy would still further consolidate the unity of the peace-loving nations.

"A helpful exchange also took place on other aspects of Anglo-Yugoslav relations. The two governments declared their common interest in resistance to aggression and in the preservation of national independence.

"They undertook to keep closely in touch with each other through diplomatic channels. They were in full agreement that in the event of aggression in Europe the resulting conflict could hardly remain local in character.

Accord Reported On Finaly Boys

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — The Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish authorities here were reported to have agreed that Robert and Gerard Finaly, the two Jewish war orphans secretly baptised as Catholics, should be returned to France temporarily and if taken to Israel later be educated as French Catholics.

The accord was reached after five weeks of negotiations since the orphans were spirited across the border into Spain, the Paris "Presse" reported. The paper said that the French Church would now have to begin negotiations with the Spanish religious authorities for the return of the children who are being hidden in a monastery where they were taken to block the execution of a French court decision awarding custody to their Israeli aunt, Mme. Rudwige Rosanier of Geders.

CHILDREN'S DAY TODAY

Jewish Children's Day (Youth Aliya Day) will be marked by a festive meeting at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 this evening. An artistic programme will be presented by Youth Aliya groups. (See Article on Page 4).

Kremlin Presents Double Enigma

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union today presented the world with a double enigma — the significance of the sweeping internal changes and the reality of the new peace pleas now being powerfully beamed to the U.S.

Premier Georgi Malenkov in his first big speech after Stalin's death said that there was no reason why the Capitalist and Communist systems should not live at peace side by side, and this theme was amplified repeatedly by Moscow, and again today — when the broadcastz contained a promise not to intervene in the internal affairs of other countries.

Diplomatic observers at the same time noted two other gestures which may mean that Mr. Malenkov's Russia is more ready to cooperate with the West than was the Russia of Stalin. These are :

- General Vassily Chuikov, Soviet Commander in Germany yesterday rejected the British version of the shooting down of a Lincoln bomber last week, contained in a British protest, but expressed regret over the incident and proposed an Anglo-Soviet conference on air safety. (In Washington President Eisenhower was "amazed" at this expression of regret: "It was the first time the Soviet authorities have expressed regret about anything," he said.)
- Also yesterday, the U.S.S.R. informed Britain she will use her influence with the North Korean authorities to secure the release of nine British civilians and an Irish missionary captured when South Korea was overrun in 1950. They include former Minister to South Korea Vyvyan Holt and two members of his staff in Seoul.

Western diplomats at U.N. headquarters are keenly looking forward to the return from Moscow of Foreign Vice-Minister Andrei Vyshinsky to see whether he has new conciliatory instructions. He will be sounded on whether the USSR is prepared to withdraw its veto to Mr. Lester Pearson of Canada for the post of Secretary-General. Agreement by the Big Five on a single candidate would be looked upon as a political miracle.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent said today Western observers there believe there will be a favourable Soviet response to President Eisenhower's new offer to meet the Russians half-way in any genuine move to promote peace. In London, Malenkov's hint that the cold war need not exist and the Allies of the war against fascism could, if they all so desired, settle down to enjoy the fruits of peace, was regarded as no better than it should be. British diplomatic quarters incline to hope with an open mind that Soviet policy is evolving in the direction of sincere cooperation. However, they feel that no risks should be taken on evidence of such an evolution is still too slender to found a foreign policy on it.

'Hopeful Signs' For World Peace Seen

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Krishna Menon, of India, told the General Assembly's Political Committee today that he saw "hopeful signs" for world peace in recent developments.

In the Committee's debate on disarmament, Mr. Menon, the author of last year's Indian peace plan for Korea referred to "two great statements" made by Premier Malenkov and President Eisenhower. He said it was a hopeful sign that recent incidents had not been looked upon as provocative acts.

"All these are hopeful signs and we may still hope that there will be a cessation of hostilities in parts of the world where they are taking place," he said.

State Superceding Party in USSR

POST Correspondent

Premier Georgi Malenkov's resignation should not be viewed as a setback for the new Soviet ruler, but rather the relegation of the once all-powerful Secretariat to a token existence. In past years, the Secretariat was constituted by the Party leaders, but it has now become a mere sub-department of the Party's "Presidium."

This might not be less sensational news, but it opens an important vista on future developments inside the Soviet Union. According to Communist theory, the Party should be the main moving force in the Soviet state, but as a result of recent changes all the key positions in it have been given to second-stringers while all leaders have been given important and direct assignments within the Government.

The centre of gravity has definitely been shifted from the Party to the State and this might well be the beginning of the disappearance of the Party as the main factor — a phenomenon previously witnessed in other totalitarian states. It is a trend not confined to Soviet Russia, as yesterday's events in Prague show. There the chairmanship of the Party there has been given to a second-stringer too, Novotny.

Khrushchev Named New Party Chief

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Moscow Radio announced last night that M. Georgi Malenkov, newly appointed Soviet Prime Minister, had been released from his post as Secretary-General of the Communist Party of the USSR.

The radio said his successor would be M. Nikita Krushchev. This change had been decided at a plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Party in the Kremlin on March 14.

Khrushchev

The announcement was made in a communique of the Central Commitee stating that the committee had acceded to M. Malenkov's request that he be released from his duties as Secretary to the Central Committee.

The communique gave the new composition of the Secretariat as Messrs. Khurshchev, A.V. Suslov, P.N. Pospelov, N. Shatalin and N.S. Ignatiev. Mr. Shatalin is to be promoted a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party from alternate member in conformity with Paragraph 32 of the rules of the Communist Party, it said.

Mr. Malenkov remains the head of the Party — he is the first member of its Presidium — as well as of the Government.

In just over two weeks since Stalin's death the Soviet Union has experienced a bigger shakeup than has occurred since the purge years of the 'thirties, and Prime Minister Malenkov has overhauled from top to bottom the twin Party and State machines which govern the country. In doing so, he has stated that the broad changes had been approved by the "leader and teacher" before he died."

At Stalin's death the Presidium of the Party (equivalent to the Politburo abolished last October) numbered 36—25 full members and 11 alternate members — while the Secretariat numbered 10. Today the Presidium numbers 10 full and four alternate members and the Secretariat numbers only five.

Until the recent changes the Council of Ministers numbered about 50 and there were about a dozen Vice-Premiers mostly without portfolios. Today there are only 28 Ministers and 17 different Ministries, and the number of Vice-Premiers is only four. Of the latter, only Mr. Lazar Kaganovich has no direct ministerial responsibility.

Perhaps the most far-reaching change of all, however, was Malenkov's dropping of his post as Secretary of the Party's Central Committee. This does not mean that he is throwing the Party "overboard" in favour of the state apparatus. However. On the contrary, he retains control of the Party through the policy-making Presidium. But it does mean that he is entrusting the daily routine management of the Party to his lieutenants. It also seems to imply that he has confidence in these lieutenants and does not fear that one or the others will gain control of the machine, threatening his personal position.

Moscow Radio Alters Propaganda Line

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — Moscow Radio broke sharply today with the old Soviet propaganda line and stressed that Russia, Britain and America harmoniously cooperated in winning World II. Repeatedly in the past the Soviets have insisted that they won the war almost entirely by themselves.

Today's talk in English by the regular Moscow Radio political commentator, Boris Leontyev, went further than most recent utterances and contained surprisingly kind words for the Western world. He started by asserting that the "peaceful coexistence of the two systems, the Capitalist and the Socialist, is perhaps one of the most crucial issues of our time," and that Soviet statesmen have always emphasised that such cooperation is possible and what's more it has been confirmed by history. Mr. Leontyev cited trade with the Western world before the last war and then related how the West cooperated as Allies in the last war.

"As can be seen, the possibility of cooperation on a mutually advantageous business foundation has been proved in practice again and again over the years," he continued. The speaker said such peaceful coexistence is possible on the basis of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states, and added, "The Soviet Union never has and does not have any intention of interfering in the affairs of the capitalist countries."

Then, expanding on the idea of collaboration, the commentator said, "The possibility of cooperation was manifested still more vividly during the war against the Fascist states.

The commentary, coming amid steady "peaceful" statements by Moscow leaders, adds to the mounting indications that a "peace offensive" is well under way in the Soviet Union. Mr. Leontyev resurrected Stalin's remark that "any idea that revolution would be exported to other countries by force is nonsense" and that "revolution was the business of the peoples themselves in these countries."

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Social & Personal

Mr. Frank Goldman, President of the Supreme Lodge B'nai B'rith, and Mrs. Goldman were received by the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi at their residence in Jerusalem on Friday. District Court Judge S. Kassan and Mr. I. Braude, President and Treasurer of Israel B'nai B'rith Lodges respectively, were present.

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Mrs. Vera Weizmann made her first public appearance since she returned from the U.S. at Sigi Weissenberg's piano recital in the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv last night. Col. Richard Meinertzhagen was also in the audience.

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The Hebrew University gave a reception yesterday evening at Bet Shalom in honour of the members of its Board of Governors, 11 of whom have arrived from abroad in order to attend the meeting which opens today.

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Mr. Franz Kiss, Attache at the Hungarian Legation, arrived by K.L.M. on Friday to take up his post.

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Mr. I. McLaren, of the Ottoman Bank, called on Thursday on Mr. M. Elischar, President of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce, and discussed various problems touching on the city's economic position.

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Mr. G.E. Hopkins, Executive Vice-President of the Society of American Friends of the Middle East, arrived in Amman on Friday. He is on a trip around the world which includes visits to Turkey, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Hopkins visited the Middle East last year in the company of Miss Dorothy Thompson, President of the American Friends. He is expected in Jerusalem today.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Litshitz, proprietors of the Eden Hotel, Jerusalem, were At Home on Friday afternoon to a large number of friends to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, in London.

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Mr. Rafael Shaffer, of the Ministry of Interior, has been appointed Director of the Audit Division for the Northern District in the State Controller's Office.

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A conference of English teachers in secondary schools and continuation classes will open tomorrow in the Shalva School in Tel Aviv.

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Mrs. Miriam Arnon will lecture on "Education of Personality" at the Commercial Club, 9 Rehov Yavne, at 8.30 this evening under the auspices of the Tel Aviv Branch of the Association of University Women and the Association of Women Doctors.

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Walter Loew's Medical Laboratory, 3 Rehov Balfour, Haifa, will be re-opened today.

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BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH

SONN — To Pnina (nee Mekler), wife of Joseph Sonn — a son. The Brith Milah will take place today, March 22, 1953, at 11 a.m. at the Hadassah A Hospital, Jerusalem. This is the only intimation.

BRITH MILAH

STEINBERG — The Brith Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Steinberg will take place at their residence, 500th Street, Pardess Hanna today, March 22 at noon.

MARRIAGE

KAFRY — LICHTIG
The marriage took place on Friday, March 20, 1953, between I.D. Kafry and Czipora F. Lichtig.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON FRIDAY

San Michelle, Italian, loading cement; Alcove, U.K., loading citrus; G. Tora Danish, loading citrus; Nahelaal, Swedish, unloading general cargo; Adir, Is., unloading general cargo; Kinereth, Is., loading cement; Royal Williams, U.K., unloading wheat; Second Ben G, Italian, unloading timber; M. Dizengoff, Is., unloading general cargo; Lahesfjell, Norway, waiting for citrus; Alida Gorthon, Swedish, waiting for citrus; Franz Gorthon, Swedish, waiting for citrus; Inga Gorthon, Swedish, waiting for citrus; Niedelaand, Swedish, waiting for citrus; Maria Ovastor, Italian, unloading timber.

Ships which sailed in the last 24 hours:

Wanderer, Panamar Motor, Danish; Syrian Prince, U.K.; Kadas, Turkey; Vikingland, Swedish.

Ships expected:

Hasholm, timber; Dvora, general cargo; E. Bernhard, general cargo; Reina, papan Rapids, general cargo; Ainsworth, general cargo; Frihest, general cargo; Koros, coppra and general cargo; Assavore, frozen fish; Three Tuns, potatoes.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Al Ji. 4 & 8.30 p.m.
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EDEN: Rio Rita.
EDISON: Move the Invisible.
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Middle East Locust Talks Open in Amman

The Middle East Locust Conference met in emergency session in Amman last week at the request of Jordan to consider steps to fight the swarms, NEARS reports.

Jordan Minister of Agriculture Ahmed Tarawneh who opened the session called for a common effort to fight the "plague which does not distinguish between peoples and geographical boundaries." (Israel was not invited to the conference).

REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S PRESS:

Passage of Reparations Pact Welcomed; Difficulties Ahead

Commenting on the passage of the reparations agreement by the Bundestag, "Ha'aretz" (Independent) says no one doubted that the German parliament would approve it, but the long delay gave room to a certain measure of uneasiness. In analyzing the vote, the paper welcomes the fact that not only the main government party but the Social Democrats as well voted in favour. Only the traditional right wing, the separatist Bavarian party, which is against almost every proposal emerging from Bonn, and the Communists voted against the agreement or abstained.

"Ha'aretz" considers this vote an important achievement for Israel and says the Government must now take all steps needed, such as economic planning, to expedite the agreement.

"Davar" (Histadrut) also says the opposition of the neo-Nazi Right needs no explanation; nor did the opposition of the Communists cause any surprise. In order not to restore the property of Jews killed and robbed by the Nazis, the East German press speaks about an "intrigue between the West German Chancellor and Jewish capitalists." The paper also notes the Arab League's failure to prevent the agreement from being adopted. The real test of the agreement, however, will be in the way it is carried out, "Davar" concludes.

Future Obstacles

"Omer" (Histadrut) believes we shall have to overcome serious obstacles in implementing the agreement. Some of them are undoubtedly objective and inevitable, but others will be caused through the ill-will of some German circles. Not all those who abstained are anti-Semites; some merely do not wish to pay $833m. in the next 12 years, the paper says. "Omer" notes the important contribution reparations might make towards consolidating our economy and absorbing newcomers.

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) says certain fears and suspicions have been entertained in regard to the agreement, some of which have not disappeared completely. The paper believes that the majority which favoured negotiations were not only successful, but also right in their attitude and the minority should admit this and yield to national discipline.

A long-standing feud between "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Davar" ended over the weekend when "Hador" (Mapai) printed a photograph of the official account of the Prague trial as published in "Rude Pravo" showing that the Jewish origin of the accused was prominently mentioned. "Kol Ha'am" had repeatedly denied that the Jewish origin of the accused had been noted or stressed in the trial.

Debate with Yariv

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) carries a short polemic against Dr. Moshe Sneh and a longer one (by Meir Ya'ari) against Mr. S. Yariv who this week discontinued his series of articles on Hashomer Hatzair and its synthesis of Communism and Zionism.

Editorially, "Al Hamishmar" says an advance payment of unemployment assistance for Passover is justified. The paper criticizes a Ministry of Labour official who said the jobless want "work, but not bread of charity."

The "Haboker" (General Zionist) cartoonist comments on the return of the she-bear to the Jerusalem zoo. "Why did you return from the border?," she was asked by her mate.

"Well, I forgot that Dr. Z. Wahrhaftig had asked in the Knesset that a husband must approve when his wife leaves the country."

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE:

Substantial Rise In Dollar Bonds

TEL AVIV.

In contrast to recent weeks, Tavei Dollar were in greater demand, and Bonds cum coupon increased by 5% to 99¾. The fact that it will be made possible for exporters to utilize their proceeds from exports at a better rate apparently had a stimulating effect. The issues of Milve Leumi also rose, but to a smaller extent; the large issue increased by 1% to 267 cum coupon.

On the share market, Palestine Potash Preference shares rose by 4½% to 160, whereas the ordinary shares decreased by 1% to 92; however, while preference shares were quoted "buyers only" last week, owing to lack of offers, and the ordinary shares "sellers only" for lack of demand, demand and offer could now be balanced for these two securities. The upward trend in Palestine Electric came to a standstill, and the shares closed on a lower level, at 153½% for Israel reg. and 147½% for London reg. The same applies to Ata and P.L.D.C. shares which closed at 124½% and 173¾ respectively. Africa-Palestine, on the other hand, were slightly firmer.

NEW YORK.

The firm tendency of last week's close was maintained. The announcement of the seventh decontrol list freeing all remaining goods in the United States economy from price shackles for the first time since January 20, 1951, had a positive effect on all sections of the market.

LONDON.

The reserved tendency was maintained. Japanese Loans fluctuated considerably, but closed firmer on the news that the Japanese Government had approved the requirements for the sinking fund and interest payments of external Bonds.

GOLD.

The free gold price remained unchanged at $37.05 — 37.15 per fine ounce. Sovereigns were almost unchanged in Paris at FFrs. 4,400.— on March 16. American gold reserves were further reduced.

COMMODITIES.

The U.K. commodity index was slightly weaker at 511.5. After de-control in the U.S.A. coffee was very firm, so that Santos No. 2, for instance, increased to 93.25 from 86.60. In Australia, wool was firm on considerable European demand. Cotton, on the other hand, was weaker in the U.S.A., though prices recovered at the close from their lowest level.

The wheat situation is judged unfavourably in the U.S.A. The Government had taken 455.8m. bushels of the 1952 wheat crop off the market under the support programme. This is a new record for Government support operations, well in excess of the previous peak of 408.1m. bushels reached in 1942. In addition to the 455.8m. bushels of the 1952 crop, the Government owns an estimated 120m. bushels of old wheat. Zinc was included in the list for U.S. Stock Pile, for the first time since autumn 1952.

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Israel Basketball League in Offing

An Israel Basketball League, incorporating teams from both Maccabi and Hapoel ranks, will shortly start its program. Thus a long-desired step in this popular Israel sport will at last come into being. Until now the two main Israel sports bodies have run their own Basketball Leagues.

Morris "Tubby" Raskin, who helped to coach the Israel side which took part in the Olympic Games at Helsinki last year, and was particularly responsible for the basketball team's training, felt that the lack of a national competition League, in which the best sides from both independent sports bodies would meet each other, acted as a deterrent to progress in the sport. To endeavour to obviate what he felt was an unecessary obstacle „Tubby" presented a Cup, to be called the Raskin Cup, which would be alloted annually to the winner of a meeting between the best Hapoel and Maccabi teams.

The new League will comprise 10 teams from Maccabi and Hapoel. Twenty sides are taking part in trials to decide which will gain entry into the League. The 20 teams are to be divided into three groups. The strongest comprises the following teams: Tel Aviv Maccabi, South Maccabi, Haifa Maccabi, North Maccabi, Holon Hapoel, Tel Aviv Hapoel, Maayan Baruch Hapoel and Geva Hapoel, considered the eight best sides in action today. The remainder are divided into South and North groups as follows: South: Jerusalem Maccabi, Jaffa Maccabi, Brith Maccabim Atid, Jerusalem Hapoel, Kfar Vitkin Hapoel and Givat Hashlosha Hapoel. North: Haifa Hapoel, Mishmar Ha'Emek, Mizra Hapoel, Kiryat Motzkin Maccabi and two more Maccabi sides not yet chosen.

According to agreed rules of these trials, the first six sides in the group will join the new Israel League. The remaining two will join issue with the top three in competitions held among the South and North groups, and the first four in this affray of eight sides will provide the above six to make up the required 10 for the new League.

Basketball is one of the country's most popular sports, some pundits putting it on a level, or second only to soccer. This new League, provided there will be no exuberant partisanship, can provide a filip to the sport which will enhance its already fine high standard.

Haifa Maccabi Beat Hapoel, 1-0

HAIFA, Saturday. — The local Maccabi football team beat Hapoel 1—0 in an unruly League A game there this afternoon. This was the first time in 20 years that the Haifa Maccabi beat the Haifa Hapoel club.

The referee had a difficult time controlling the players and sent two Maccabi and one Hapoel player off the field.

Z. Ben-Zvi scored the winning goal from a penalty shot in the 26th minute. The two teams had faced each other in 15 previous games during the 20 years, and Maccabi had either been beaten or forced to a draw every time.

In a League B game, Degel Yahuda beat Hapoel Dror 6—3, and in the Youth League Maccabi and Hapoel drew 0—0.

In Hapoel wrestling matches yesterday, Haifa beat Tel Aviv 12—4 (technical points 19—8) and Jerusalem beat Kiryat Haim 10—6 (technical points 13—7).

BOLTON AND BLACKPOOL IN FINAL

Bolton Wanderers and Blackpool fought their way through the English Football Association Cup semi-finals yesterday. Bolton beat Everton 4-1 on the Manchester City ground, while Blackpool downed Tottenham Hotspur by 2-1 on the Aston Villa pitch.

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H. LEVANON,
Deputy Mayor

March 18, 1953.

ON THE AIR

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FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.30, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 6.30 p.m.; Turkish: 10.00 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Songs. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (Rec.). 7.10 Morning Melodies (Rec.). 8.30 Oriental Music (Rec.). 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work. 11.00 Music of the People (Rec.). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.05 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: Brynberg No. 32 (Haydn); Symphonie Concertante for Piano & Orchestra (French); "Children's Corner" (Debussy). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (Rec.). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (Rec.). 4.40 Piano Recital: Wilhelm Lamy: 5.00 Top Tune Music. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Weather. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Musical Quiz. 8.00 Wills of Work. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 Returning Programme: Quintet "Merry Five"; Piano Quintet: Peter Conrad. 10.05 Vocal Recital: Armand Basson. 10.30 Recital. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

462, 225, 316, 49.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. 4.30 p.m. Music for Sunday (Rec.). 4.40 Chess Corner. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 6.30 Literature Corner. 6.35 Music (Rec.). 6.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.55 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (13.5 M.): 11.15 p.m. Renewal. 11.30 "Personal Column," by Walter Eytan. 11.35 "Malben."

ARMY PROGRAMMES: (44.6, 214, 239.6 & 225 M.): 4.30 Opening. 7.00 Request Time. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 L.H.P. Band. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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FORECAST: Intermittent showers mainly in the morning with partial clearing.

"A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Maximum temp C) Minim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp expected today.

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NEW REGULATIONS for driving schools will be published in the Gazette (Beshamot) this week and will come into force on April 15.

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THREE PERSONS were hurt when their car collided with a truck on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa road on Thursday. Yehuda Tocatli, 48, of Hahov Hayarkon and Ephraim Kayan, 70, of Jabotinsky Tchernichovsky, in Tel Aviv were taken to the "Assuta" hospital; a third passenger was released after first aid treatment. The drivers, Henry Savage, 22, of Jaffa, and Yehezkiel Menora, 22, of Bnei-yemina, were detained and later released in bond.

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A SURPRISE RAID by Tel Aviv Food Control Inspectors on Friday led to the discovery of 70 cases of raisins in the storerooms of a Jaffa importer. Several other storerooms were raided since large quantities of imported dried fruit were found being sold openly. . . . OWNERS OF three Tel Aviv furniture shops were detained on Friday on suspicion of selling "Lakol" articles at illegal prices. Their "Lakol" articles were impounded pending investigation.

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THE ISSUANCE of taxi licences has been stopped temporarily in view of the number of taxis in service, the Ministry of Communications has announced. **NEW REGULATIONS** concerning transport services are to be gazetted this week to enable authorities to establish fixed timetables for the services.

Land Under Irrigation Doubled in Six Years

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The area under irrigation has more than doubled since 1947, from 210,000 dunams to 500,000 today, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali said here last night at a meeting in the Mograbi Hall held under the auspices of the local Labour Council. Mr. Avraham Harzfeld, of the Agricultural Union, and Mr. Ze'ev Tsur, Secretary of the Union, also spoke.

According to present plans the country should be self-sufficient in farm produce in the next six or seven years with a total irrigated area of 1.5 million dunams. Known water sources were sufficient to irrigate 2 to 2.5 million dunams, he said.

Mr. Harzfeld said 48 new villages would be established this year, mainly in the south but with some in Galilee and the Emek. The water question would be solved, he said, adding that it was hoped to find ample water in the Jerusalem Corridor. Modern drilling equipment now in the country could bore to 1,000 metres.

Mr. Tsur said that Kibbutz Hameuhad would accept 1,000 families in its settlements in the next three months. Israel now had 40,000 farming families, but this number was to be increased to 200,000.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Eggs 5, Hat 18, temporary 5 for expectant mothers, 6, coupon 16. Oil: 200 grams oil and 310 grams cocoa, Bet 6, Bet 18, Mem 500 grams for Aleph cards, no coupon. Sweets 100 grams, no coupon, temporary 17. Rice: 250 grams for Aleph, Bet and Gimmel cards, coupon 36B, temporary. 12. Poultry: Dec., Jan., Feb., and March rations for elderly persons.

TEL AVIV: Poultry for invalids Hat Aleph 2 and Hat Bet 11, 625 grams for expectant mothers 750 grams, coupon Het 5, 750 grams, coupon Het 6. Frozen meat for invalids Hat Gimmel 11 cards, 525 grams; Het Bet 11 cards, 350 grams. Herring (available in groceries): 200 grams, coupon 36i, temporary 19. Rations for labourers (February) Halva, 300 grams; Noodles, 600 grams, coupon grams; 4 packets of matzot and 250 to end March, 91 (March) Sugar, 600 grams extra flour, coupon 17.

'Kol Ha'am' Shut For Ten Days

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — The Communist newspaper, "Kol Ha'am," has been closed down for ten days as from tomorrow morning, by order of the Interior Minister Israel Rokach. The paper will be permitted to appear again on April 1.

In a letter to the editor yesterday, Mr. Rokach stated that a leading article published on March 18 and headed, "Let Abe Eban go and fight alone" contained material which endangered the public peace. The suspension was therefore ordered under Section 19 (2) of Paragraph 116 of the Press Ordinance, under which the paper was closed two months ago for one week.

The offending editorial had referred to an alleged statement by Ambassador Eban that the Government was prepared to place 200,000 troops at the disposal of armies fighting the Soviet Union. Official silence after this report, the paper said, implied that the statement was correct and made with official knowledge.

Travel Tickets In Israel Currency

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The main thing a local resident wishing to go abroad needs now is sufficient funds.

While "essential travellers" are permitted to buy tickets in local currency against payment of a 50 per cent tax, all other persons have been allowed lately to buy tickets with Israel money upon payment of the 50 per cent tax and an additional 50 per cent "deposit" which is refunded if the traveller manages to find a relative or friend who will refund the cost of the ticket in foreign currency. It is understood that this latter system is to be changed this week into a formal arrangement whereby "non-essential" travellers will be allowed to buy tickets in local currency upon payment of a 100 per cent tax. Permission to buy such tickets will be automatic, it is learned.

Coupled with the new system of automaticly issuing exit visas which become valid 10 days later provided there is no objection from the Police, Income Tax Department or the Jewish Agency, any resident can travel abroad, but the cost of travel is high. A return ticket to New York by air thus costs IL.1,700 and a return trip to London costs IL.860. A low-price sea ticket to Marseilles and back costs only about IL.250, it is understood.

Most foreign airlines are at present accepting unlimited numbers of travellers paying in local currency, since planes are half empty during the winter season. When they fill up again in the summer season, however, restrictions on the number of Israel-currency tickets are expected to be introduced.

STATE PROPERTY

The new State Property Division of the Ministry of Finance will include the offices of the Custodian of Absentees' Property, the Custodian of German Property, the Custodian of Enemy Property, and the State Domains Division.

Winter is Back

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Winter returned here today, and local residents shivered in the cold and wet weather.

Skies were leaden and rain fell throughout most of last night and today. Those who did not have to go out on urgent engagements stayed at home, in bed if possible.

The late rains are reported to be good for agriculture and are welcomed by farmers in some areas.

The rainy weather upset today's sports programme throughout the country, and only two out of six First Division football games were played.

Tel Aviv Maccabi smashed Tel Aviv Betar 6-0 when Glaser shot four goals and Mirimovits and Goldstein the other two here this afternoon. The other game resulted in a surprise victory by Haifa Maccabi who beat Hapoel with a penalty kick by Zaharia Ben Zvi, centre forward, in the 15th minute. (See Page 2, Col. 6).

Three Second Division games were played in Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva and Haifa. Ramat Gan Maccabi beat Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda, 2-1; Mahane Hapoel beat Rishon Hapoel 5-3; and Haifa Yehuda defeated Hapoel Dror 6-3.

Some 50 boxers from nine Hapoel branches took part in the Second Division championships in Petah Tikva. The first six places went to Haifa with Tel Aviv as runner-up wit. two places, while Jaffa, Kfar Saba and Sakiya scored one point each.

Yugoslav Davis Cup Stars to Play Here

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two members of the Yugoslav Davis Cup team, Messrs. Pallad and Petrovich, are due here next month to take part in the Israel International Tennis Competition which opens on March 28. The pair will also play a series of matches against local teams on April 3 and 4.

Migdal Ascalon Benefits From Milk Competition

MIGDAL ASCALON, Saturday (ITIM). — Local housewives are enjoying the disagreement between Tnuva and the Migdal Ascalon Milk Producers Association and have been buying pure milk at 30 pruta under the regulation price.

When the local association found it had a surplus they decided to sell pure milk at 200 pruta a litre.

This created competition for Tnuva which brings in 700 litres of milk daily.

Hashomer Hatzair Convention Closes

NATHANYA, Saturday. — At a country-wide convention of the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement held at Yakum near here yesterday and today, Mr. Nathan Pelled, Secretary-General of Hakibbutz Ha'artzi, protested against the Settlement Authorities who had not allowed a Hashomer Hatzair group to form a maritime kibbutz near Migdal Ascalon.

Mr. A. Reiner, a member of the group, said that the movement had not suffered from the recent "ideological shock." He said its membership had increased by 1,000 in the past year.

New Housing Project To Aid Unemployed

A new housing programme has been started by order of Finance Minister Eshkol in an effort to ease the unemployment situation. The programme will cater to new immigrants and involves the completion and expansion of existing settlements.

Work on the programme will begin shortly and is expected to employ a large number of workers. About 30 new settlements will be built in the coming months, apart from construction in old ones.

Four thousand families will be housed under this programme. The Jewish Agency's present settlement plan provides for a total of 6,000 families.

ARABS BLAME JEWS FOR PEACE RUMOUR

Commenting on rumours of Israel-Arab peace proposals, the Old City daily "Falastin" wrote editorially yesterday that there was only one possible peace plan to which the Arab people would consent: a Jewish minority in a great Arab fatherland.

The paper reiterates that the peace rumours have been spread by the Jews for their own aims, (again ignoring the fact that it was a Lebanese spokesman who first announced the news that peace proposals would be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Arab League).

Collision in Thames

HAIFA, Saturday. — The s.s. Hadar, which collided with the light-ship Sunlight in the Thames River, during a thick fog on Thursday, was only lightly damaged and none of her crew was injured, Shoham have announced here. The Israel vessel continued on her way according to schedule.

The s.s. Atzmaut, formerly the s.s. Suncrest, which was recently acquired by Zim, is due here for the first time tomorrow. She will bring a cargo of 3,000 tons of logs from West Africa for the plywood factory in Afikim, and 3,500 tons of general cargo.

5 Years After: Reunion And Memorials

On the fifth anniversary of the massacre of the Mount Scopus convoy in Sheikh Jarah, a memorial meeting was held on Friday at the Ratisbonne hall of the University.

On the same day a memorial meeting was held in the University buildings on Mt. Scopus by the guards of the demilitarised zone.

The day before some 200 ex-Palmach boys and girls of the 'Furman' unit, which had escorted convoys to Jerusalem during the war, gathered from all parts of the country for a reunion in the Menorah club in Jerusalem.

The meeting was opened by Ezra Galon, one of the commanders of the escorts and now a student of agriculture at the University, who paid tribute to their many fallen comrades, among them its commander, Maccabi Moseri.

Yigal Allon, former Palmach commander, reviewed the battles for the road to Jerusalem, in which the Palmach had played a leading role. Ex-members of the 'Chizbatron', provided the lighter side of the evening's meeting.

REWARD REFUSED

NAZARETH, Saturday (Itim). — A 500-pound reward offered to the finder of a suitcase containing valuables and several pound sterling and dollar notes was rejected by an Eshed bus driver Yesterday.

Mathel Abel, of Nazareth, who found the suitcase in the vehicle, reported it to the Eshed management in Haifa who traced it to an American tourist. When Abel was offered the half-pound reward by the grateful tourist, he thanked him but did not accept.

Civil Servants' Convention Ends

The Civil Servants Union convention which opened in Jerusalem on Wednesday evening ended on Friday morning with the adoption of a number of resolutions, over the opposition of the Mapam delegates.

Delegates noted with satisfaction the great part civil servants had taken in forming the governing institutions of the country and called on all State employees to increase efficiency.

The convention noted its appreciation of the help the Civil Servants' Union had received from the Histadrut and the achievements of the Union's secretariat in the field of social aid for the state employees. At the same time, the convention demanded that employees of the Ministry of Defence be included in the union and that wider educational activity be undertaken by the union among State employees.

Mapam delegates sharply attacked the fact that there had been no direct elections to the Union's governing bodies and called for general elections within a year. Other Mapam resolutions called for a 30 per cent increase in civil servants wages in view of the fact that "the standard of living of civil servants has fallen more rapidly than that of any other worker in the country," and for a return to the 42-hour week.

SMUCHA RELEASED

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday (Itim). — Ben Zion Smucha, detained as a suspect in the rape and murder of four-year-old Rachel Levin of Ramat Gan a month ago, was ordered released unconditionally by Magistrate Menahem Warshai here yesterday.

Appearing for the police, Mr. A. Winelsky said that no proof had been found against the accused and his release was therefore requested.

It could not be ascertained tonight whether Smucha had yet been released from the Beer Ya'acov mental hospital or was still being held there for medical examination or treatment.

"...THEM THAR HILLS"

A number of concessions to dig for gold in the Seislyah district, of the Amman area, have been granted to Jordan citizens, "Falastin," the Old City daily, reported yesterday.

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Election of Tel Aviv Mayor Postponed

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Municipal Council meeting scheduled for tomorrow to elect a new Mayor and his deputies has been postponed as no agreement on the Haifa Municipal coalition has been reached.

In the original agreement reached when the Government coalition was formed, it had been agreed that municipal coalitions would be formed throughout the country provided that the old coalitions ceased to operate. This was the case in Tel Aviv and an agreement was reached here.

In Haifa, however, the Mapai-Mapam coalition has been functioning well and the Mapai branch is not willing to accept a General Zionist Deputy Mayor in addition to the Mapam Deputy Mayor. The General Zionists, moreover, demand that their Deputy Mayor should have the same status as the other Deputy and that they should alternate in serving as acting mayors in the absence of the Mayor.

Cyprus Union With Greece Said 'Near'

By Shabo Gusbenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Archbishop Makarios, of the Greek Orthodox Church here, returning from a five-month trip to the U.S., England and Greece, told cheering thousands here today that "union with Greece is near." Enosis now was an internationally known claim and if the subject was raised in the U.N. General Assembly it would obtain majority support, he said.

Archbishop Makarios declared he would officially ask the Cyprus Government to organize a plebiscite on the island to establish the wishes of the Cypriots. "If the Government refuses, we'll ask the U.N. to organize the plebiscite," he said.

Earlier Archbishop Makarios was welcomed at the airport by thousands of patriots waving flags who rushed the police cordon and kissed the 23-year-old Ethnarch on the hands and cheeks.

Communist Party members held aloof from the celebrations which they regard as a "smokescreen" to cover the failure of his mission.

More 'Quakes Feared As Toll Tops 200

ISTANBUL, Saturday (Reuter). — Turkey mourned today for more than 200 earthquake victims — and wondered whether the weekend would bring new disasters.

Another shock during the night struck the same areas around the Sea of Marmora, devastated on Wednesday when 2,000 buildings were destroyed. All dances and similar entertainment in Istanbul and Ankara this weekend have been cancelled.

Reports on the total death-roll still conflict, but it is certainly more than 200 and much less than the 500 or even 1,000 suggested in first reports.

Full reports of the new earthquake have not yet been received from outlying districts, but it was stated that there had been little fresh damage and no casualties. The first earthquake was centered southwest of Bandirma, a town off the Sea of Marmora. Food, medicine and blankets are being rushed to the stricken areas by air, and light planes are trying to contact villages cut off by the tremors.

In one town, Yenice, 15,000 people were homeless last night.

No Husband, No Luggage, No Home for Narriman

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — Princess Narriman 19-year-old ex-Queen of Egypt, sat in a Geneva hotel today without her luggage, without a husband and without permission to go home.

The Egyptian beauty was to have left for Paris yesterday on her way back to Cairo, but the Egyptian Legation in Berne told her to postpone the journey. Twenty-nine pieces of luggage were stowed aboard a Cairo-bound plane yesterday. Political opposition to Princess Narriman's return was said to be behind the postponement.

Sabotage at Bulgaria's Biggest Steel Works

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter). — Belgrade Radio said today that one of Bulgaria's biggest steel works at Jandol in southeast Bulgaria had been set on fire at several points as a climax to country-wide sabotage in recent weeks.

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Cables in Brief

RESHUFFLE. — The Indian Communist Party is shortly to reorganize and "revitalise" itself to meet "existing political conditions" in the country, Mr. Ajoy Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party, said in Bombay yesterday. A party congress has been called for October.

SUB SIGHTED. — South African Air Force pilots on coastal patrol sighted on Thursday a foreign submarine which could not be identified. No "friendly" submarines were known to be in the area at the time.

FRIENDSHIP. — The Treaty of Taif, a friendship pact between Saudi Arabia and the Yemen concluded in June, 1934, has been extended for another 20 years.

CHINA. — The Greek Government is preparing legislation for strong action against Greek merchant ships carrying strategic materials to Communist China and other Communist countries. The Government's action was planned following charges made by Senator Joseph McCarthy that Greek-owned and manned ships are taking strategic and other war materials to the Chinese mainland.

BIGGEST AIRSHIP. — The world's biggest airship, the U.S. Navy's ZPN2 had its first test in Akron, Ohio, yesterday. With 13 people on board it was in the air 42 minutes. The airship's dimensions are still secret, but it is known to be bigger than the ZPN1 which is 80 metres long.

MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY. — Thirty-two climbers are missing after being hit by an avalanche on a mountain in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island police reported yesterday. They were on their way to survey a skiing course to be used by Emperor Hirohito's younger brother, Prince Mikasahito Takamatsu, next month.

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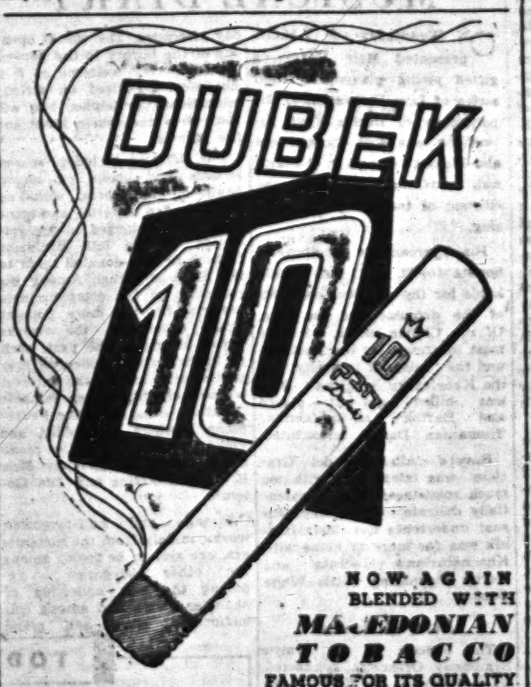

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Livneh Urges Freer Currency Laws

HAIFA, Saturday. — Mr. E. Livneh, Mapai M.K. called for the liberalization of foreign currency controls to overcome unemployment. Speaking in the Maritime and Economics Club here yesterday, he urged the public to fight against inflation which would wreck the economy and ruin wage-earners and honest producers.

For the future, he saw the possibility of greater productivity in expanded agriculture for which there is land, water and, at present, enough foreign currency although insufficient Israel pounds. But, if Israel pounds are paid into the Development Fund for gift dollars at their approximate true value, the necessary capital would be available. Gift dollars should only go toward investment for which they were donated, while their counterpart fund could be used also for lowering the price of food, he said. Industrial export should be energetically increased.

Grants of export premiums to compensate for the lower exchange rate was merely introducing the cost-plus system which had failed on the home market into the export branch.

He though that investment dollars could be completely decontrolled and paid for at their true value. Gift dollars, because they were donations, should not be wholly freed but their exchange rate raised and the higher amount of pounds paid for them should be used for development.

Because the dollar was officially sold at only a fraction of its value, many enterprises continued an existence to which they had no right, he said.

Mr. Livneh warned that producers of luxuries and those who had ordered goods were hoping for inflation and inefficient manufacturers relied on currency controls.

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THE meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University which opens today in Jerusalem will have to take some most important decisions.

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At the last meeting, held here in January 1952, two committees were appointed, the one to select candidates for the offices of President of the University and Chairman of the Board of Governors, the other to propose changes in the draft constitution which was prepared in the time of the Mandate — and has only provisional operation, — with a view to fit the structure to the new conditions. Both committees have found their task difficult, and it is not yet known how the two offices will be filled, or what changes will be made in the structure, though it seems likely that the President will be chosen from within the faculties of the University.

The development of the University during the last years has been a paradox and a miracle. Homeless, headless, insolvent on any normal reckoning, it has nevertheless continued to expand. The number of students has risen from two thousand, two years ago, to three thousand; the faculties of Medicine and Law, opened in 1949, are flourishing; and the School of Agriculture, raised to the status of a faculty in 1952, though still much too small, has doubled its capacity. The Government of Israel plays its part, realizing that the University must train leaders in many phases of public and cultural life; the teachers and the civil servants, the doctors and the lawyers, the scientists and the agronomists. The Government now contributes a substantial portion of the budget, which for this academic year is estimated at over IL.3m. and the Jewish Agency also is making a substantial grant. But the University is not only for Israel, and more and more it is becoming an intellectual and spiritual centre of the Jewish people. It is the cultural link between Israel and other Jewish communities on the one hand and the large academic society on the other, and it must look to the Jewish communities, through their groups of Friends, to match their efforts on its behalf to the significance of the University and the size of its budget which rises from year to year.

One of the subjects which the Board has to consider is the expansion of the departments of the Economic and Social Sciences to a school of those sciences which will be an integral part of the University but in some ways autonomous. It is to bear the name of the late Eliezer Kaplan, the first Finance Minister of Israel. Another of the major questions before the meeting is the site for new buildings. The University authorities and the Government of Israel must insist on the return of the University to its home on Scopus. But provision for additional laboratories and lecture rooms and of a central library can no longer be postponed. The site for the new Hadassah-University-Hospital, the Medical School, and some new science buildings has already been chosen at Tsova; and a site nearer to the town, at Nave Shaanan, is now proposed for the rest of the additions. The Government has met the request of the University to make available this area of some hundreds of dunams and a smaller area in Talbieh. A building programme running to millions of Israel pounds and millions of dollars has been drawn up. It should be carried out in a period of years, and like the working budget it will call for a combined effort of the Government, the people of Israel and the Jewish communities of the world.

Finally, there remains the consideration for the needs of the three thousand students who, after all, are the principal concern. The striking article by Prof. Brodetsky, which we published on Friday, draws attention to the hard plight of the big majority who earn their living while they are studying, have the most meagre housing, and lack almost all amenities. He calls for a national effort to provide a large number of scholarships to cover not only the fees but the maintenance of promising and poor students, in the way the State provides in Great Britain and many other countries. The students have the long term the stipendiaries. Israel is a poor country and cannot give with a large hand, but the Jewish people have a tradition of generosity to scholars. The young men and women of the University should have hostels and colleges so that they may enjoy a corporate life. If this meeting of the Board initiates this new activity it will deserve well of Israel.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Spending and the Budget

By JERDA LUFT

FROM the strictly legal point of view the Knesset has fulfilled its obligation: it has confirmed expenditure in the amount of IL.84m. for the first three months of the financial year beginning on April 1. This will be followed by the confirmation of the percentage for the Development Budget, probably IL.17m. for the months of April and May. After the recess, the House will concentrate on expenditure and try to analyse the position of the various Government Departments. The Treasurer will in the meantime be entitled to carry on with a quarter of the proposed budget of IL.218m. at his disposal.

It is highly probable that the Finance Committee which has hurriedly begun work on the Government proposals will introduce changes, and that the final voting which is to take place before the Passover recess will produce changes in the income budget. Genrally, however, Mr. Eshkol will have his way, at least for the next three months. And it is questionable whether the Knesset will be able to change financial policy after a quarter of the financial year has passed. Certain obligations will be incurred in the meantime and an economic policy will have been inaugurated.

Public Expenditure

The debate showed that there are grave differences of opinion between the Government's economic policy and the Budget proposals. There is more to these differences than politics. If we ignore the attitude taken by the radical left for the moment (which is, of course, quite different from that of the Coalition and the opposition on the right) we detect some scepticism within the coalition itself.

It is possible to epitomize the entire Budget Debate in the question of what part of the national income should go to the Government coffers through taxes of various kinds. The controversy centres on the percentage of the national income which the State syphons off. Mr. Eshkol in his winding up speech claimed that all public expenditure (including Municipal expenses etc.) did not reach more than 22 to 25 per cent, while the Government Budget came to no more than 17 per cent. Mr. Bader (Herut), on the other hand, talked of 35 per cent Mr. Foerder (Progressive) of 40 per cent and Mr. Bejerano (General Zionist) — taking into account not only the budgets of public bodies but of all the funds which go through public hands — spoke 60 per cent of the national income.

Part of these huge differences can be explained by the simple fact that members and Ministers were taking about different things. If Mr. Bejerano arrived at the huge total of IL.800m. he included, besides the Government municipal budgets the money used by the Jewish Agency and all the other public bodies active in Israel. His warning that the concentration of economic activity by public authorities must lead to the stifling of private initiative and thus to the jeopardizing of a free economy, should not be taken lightly. Dr. Foerder warns of the aggravating influence which heavy taxation must exercise upon economic development. And Mr. Eshkol's assertion that Government expenditure does not rise above 17 per cent of the national income is not easily understandable, as he takes IL.600 m. to represent the national income. It should be noted too that the State Controller in his report states that public expenditure (Government, municipalities and social insurance) amounts to 30 per cent of the national income.

Fear of Taxation

A debate which is expected to produce results should first of all make sure of these basic facts. It was however apparent that among the General Zionists and Mapai (Mr. Livneh) there is an uneasy feeling that the budget as proposed is too large, that it will be impossible to carry out the proposals in it and that retrenchment has not nearly gone as far as is imperative under our precarious circumstances. This feeling is based partly on the realization that we cannot afford public expenditure at the present rate and partly on the fear that high taxation may increase unemployment instead of giving the Government the means of alleviating it.

Over and above the differences concerning the need for a small or a large budget, arises an issue of supreme parliamentary importance: the manner of dealing with the budget in the Knesset. The proposal to deal separately with expenditure and thus enable the House to analyse more thoroughly the workings of the various departments is one reason for the procedure adopted. But only one reason. More compelling is the Government's inability to prepare a sound Budget so early in the year that it can be dealt with in the Knesset at the right time.

The State Controller's Report deals with this issue and contains a proposal for reform which should be carefully considered. As things stand at present the Knesset was able to do no more than furnish the Government with a legal frame for the next three months.

Coalition 'Opposition'

As we are learning the hard way, it must be taken as a good sign that not only among the Opposition but in the Coalition too, more and more people are realizing the dangers of budgeting in the present unsatisfactory way. It may be anticipated that the pressure exerted by the Knesset on the Government to carry out Budget reform will grow and we may be in a better position next year.

It should be noted that in the Budget debate the broad coalition did not stifle genuine argument in which differences among the coalition parties found full expression. A listener who knew nothing of the present set-up would certainly have classed both Mr. Livneh and Mr. Bejerano as opposition speakers. This is precisely what those in favour of a broad coalition had hoped for: that opinions would differ, not only according to party line.

QUESTION OF UNITY OF 2,500,000 PARTY MEMBERS

Italy's Communists After Stalin

By CECIL SPRIGGE

ITALY'S Communist Party is the strongest in the Western world. The death of Stalin has naturally aroused speculation as to whether its apparently solid unity will remain unbroken in the new Kremlin era.

During Stalin's life-time, the post-war Italian Communist Party, with its alleged membership (including Youth Groupists) of two and a half millions, was never purged. Nor has there been any highly significant breakaway from the party. The two prominent deputies from the Emilian-Romagnole Region, Cucchi and Magnani, who two years ago made a hugely publicized exit from the party, drew after them only a few minor mayors and syndical organizers and have since played next to no part in Italian public life. Still less effects have followed on the quite recent defection of a deputy from the far south Silipo, on the declared grounds that the Pope's excommunication of Communists had begun seriously to trouble his conscience.

The remaining 128 deputies in the Chamber crowd the Communist sector on the extreme left (protected on the flank by some 60 "Nennians" and other close sympathisers) have still, up to the moment of Stalin's death, looked like a solid and united block, as have also their party comrades in the Senate.

Socialist Origins

But the Communist Party of Italy has not always been ranged in perfect discipline behind what at present passes for orthodoxy and its present chief professors. Long ago, in the early 'twenties, the party was brought into being chiefly by two separate Socialist groups. The leader of one group was the young Turin intellectual, Gramaci, who died heroically after a long imprisonment shortly before the second European war. His immediate disciple was Togliatti (both of them passed their boyhood in Sardinia and studied at Turin University). The leader of the other group was a certain Bordiga, who deviated doctrinally in the 'twenties, is still (or was quite lately) living, and is now referred to by the party as a traitor and crypto-Fascist. When the Western Allies entered Naples in 1943, they were met by some welcoming groups of Communists who turned out to be of a non-Stalinist and non-Togliattian brand.

Closely associated with Bordiga at that distant date was Umberto Terracini, who to-day is one of the outstanding members of the party. He was the Communist Party's nominee for the very high and responsible post, to which he was elected, of President of Italy's first post-war Parliament, the Constituent Assembly of 1946-48. It has, however, been steadily understood that Terracini, though an ornament of the party, is from the point of view of Communist orthodoxy "not quite true." Apart from the original sin of an association with Bordiga (whose heresy seems to have been of the type represented by Bukharin in Russia, he has done at least one shocking thing since the war. A number of years ago in a public speech, he put the Soviet Union and the United States on a par as two countries with whom Italy should have steadily good relations. The party insisted upon his making humiliating explanations.

It seems that Terracini, now nearly 60, has now accommodated himself to being, although one of the finest interests of the party and the hero of 15 years served in a Fascist gaol, excluded from the complete odour of sanctity. A Jew, he recently presided at a meeting of Jewish left-wing intellectuals called to justify the Soviet policy towards Zionism. Terracini snapped angrily and cut short a Jewish professor of philosophy who was not satisfied with the official explanation and asked questions.

Cultural Recanters

Things are, however, not going quite smoothly in the Communist culture) sector.

In 1951 there appeared a review of heterodox tone, Cultura e Realta (Culture and Reality), and it was with a shock that Communists found that one of their most extolled favourites the novelist Cesare Pavese, was contributing to this organ of young Marxist intellectuals turning an enquiring eye towards religion. Not long after, Pavese took his life.

Another literary review has now appeared which is distressing the Communists. One of two editors is the novelist Alberto Moravia, who has long been, for the orthodox Marxists, a lost soul. But it is not the editorship so much as the publisher's imprint which worries the Marxists. The publisher is Giulio Einaudi, son of the President of the Republic, who has been since the war the chief publisher of Communist literature (and of much other literature on neutral subjects). There appear to be apprehensions lest a pillar of cultural support be slipping away or lending itself to the anti-Communist Left Centre.

All this seems to count but little against the proud spectacle of over ten dozen unfaltering parliamentary deputies. Yet some have it that even before Stalin's death the party was living on the crust of some vaguely imagined volcano, and now, say some, the disappearance of Togliatti's chief claim to be obeyed without question, his closeness to Stalin, may portend serious cracks. *(OFNS)*

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POST Reporter

Today is Jewish Child's Day.

AN improvised two-wheeled cart, assembled from odd pieces of wood, loaded with empty garbage cans, drawn by a donkey named "Buba" and driven by 11-year-old Yosef of Morocco, is one of the many duties carried out in the Magdiel Agricultural Institute. Yosef, who was sent to the Institute by Youth Aliya, uses the cart to empty garbage cans and is assisted by two other boys. He will perform this duty for three months, after which he will be assigned to work in the agricultural field.

Over 200 children aged 12 to 17, originating from 32 countries, spend the better part of their childhood in the Magdiel Agricultural Institute, to which they are sent by Youth Aliya. This school is one of many which teach and house thousands of Youth Aliya wards, who continue their lives in new settlements or kibbutzim after graduation.

The school, named after Dr. Ben Zion Mossinsohn, founder of the "Gymnasia Herzlia," and managed by the General Zionist and Progressive parties, has divided its programme into three parts. First education — both general and agricultural, then work — mostly in the field, barn, beehives, poultry farm, vegetable garden etc. Apart from a few skilled hands, the children also work in the kitchen, laundry, clinic, etc.; standing in front of a cooking stove, little Hanna, who arrived from Poland two years ago, proudly fried innumerable portions of fish fillet, enough to satisfy 205 healthy, hungry stomachs. Last but not least, comes recreation, which provides for various entertainments, including a film show every week. Apart from this, the children have formed special groups, each comprising 40 or 50 members, who have their own slogan and keep happily busy after a working day.

Although plans to renovate the Institute were made when the kitchen was rebuilt, here still exists a sharp inadequacy in living quarters. A relatively small room is kept spotlessly clean and tidy, but shared by five children.

The Institute's library is expanding from day to day and is regularly frequented by the youngsters, who take turns in acting as librarian.

Apart from such essentials as food, the school feeds on its own products, large quantities of which are regularly sold to Tnuva.

Besides new immigrants, the Institute now lists ten per cent of its pupils as Israeli. These children are sent by their parents to receive agricultural training. While sharing duties equally with the rest, the sabras are classed as day pupils, since they live at home.

Another problem, which although not acute is very delicate, is the rehabilitation of a newcomer. A youngster who has been separated from his parents, feels the lack of maternal love. Although an Instructor does not wholly fill this gap, he does a lot to alleviate the child's plight, by slowly introducing him to a new life.

Things do not run smoothly all the time. Mr. S. Meiri, Educational Director of the Institute said, pointing out that the management frequently has to deal with problems of "racial" discrimination. Sixty five per cent of the children come from Oriental countries, he said, while the rest are from countries including Brazil, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and even Norway. Although the feeling of "I'm white — you're black" gradually disappears when the children settle down after living, working and playing side by side, he continued, new arrivals bring fresh problems.

Today and Tomorrow

All women born between April 4, 1935 and September 24, 1934 and whose surnames start with the letters.

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MUSICAL DIARY

ON Wednesday the Y.M.C.A. presented Meir Harnik, a gifted young pianist, in their series of Live Programmes. The polyphony of Bach's Four Inventions was well thought out and Mozart's Sonata in G Major well performed although the element of tenderness was missing.

His approach to Beethoven's Sonata (op.31 no.2) was remarkable for the excellent contrasts of the demonic and the calm. Of the Chopin series, we were most impressed by the Nocturne and the 'Valse.' It is a pity that the Kabalevsky Sonatina which was billed was not played and Bartok's all-too-familiar 'Rumanian Dance' substituted.

Ravel's 'Alborada del Gracioso' was interpreted with too much robustness and the essentially delicate nuances and sensual undertones lost. Meir Harnik was far more at home with Khachaturian's 'Toccata' and Ibert's enchanting 'Little White Donkey.'

Army Orchestra

The concert of the Army's Symphony Orchestra, conducted by S. Riklis at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday night was a pleasant surprise. A symphony orchestra since 1951, it consists of about 45 musicians with an extensive string section. Cimarosa's Concerto for Oboe (Y. Silberman) and String Orchestra, opened the bill, followed by Beethoven's "Eighth," a performance lacking in brio.

The second part of the bill was spiritedly rendered starting with Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave" overture. H. Alexander's six Israel Dances were decidedly engaging in rhythm and folklore echoes. The highlight was Stravinsky's Suite No. 1 for small Orchestra; the "March" opens with ragtime-rhythm; the waltz is a striking parody on a barrel-organ out of tune and the "Galop" has an amusing music-hall appeal. But to close with the march from Ippolitoff-Ivanoff's "Caucasian Sketches" after Stravinsky is like playing — say — Emmerich Kalman after Bartok. *FRANGO.*

Music Library

A CENTRAL Musical Library was opened by the Music Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture at the "Tachkemoni" school in Rehov Lilienblum in Tel Aviv on Friday afternoon. The official opening of the library to the general public is very welcome as it is not only organized on strictly educational principles, but will also serve the music lover and the layman.

The library includes scores, records and books on music. Some of the scores, including the orchestra material, and some rare books belonged to the collection of the late Bronislav Huberman who donated them to the State of Israel. Among his collection of the complete note material for the more popular violin concertos, the works which belong to the past, such as Spohr's violin concerto, may particularly arouse the interest of musicologists. Other valuable donations come from the Feuermann brothers, the 'cellist and violinist, while valuable piano music represents gifts by Mrs. Rivka Sharet-Hoz and Ada Golomb.

Strange and half-forgotten works, mainly from the romantic era, are also to be found among the other categories — e.g. among the rich collection of chamber music, and among collections of songs and piano adaptations from operas which mostly come from German Collections.

3,000 Records

Quite outstanding not only in quality, but also in quantity is the lending library of records and light music. While American jazz music and piano adaptations donations from American publishers and the Max Tark family, (even such famous English light music as the works of Gilbert and Sullivan may be found in the catalogue), almost all of the 3,000 (not long-playing) records were donated by the "American Friends' Service Committee" (Quakers). Each record-album carries the inscription, "From the people of America to the people of Israel". It is noteworthy that the catalogue, which gives the titles and names in Hebrew and English, includes 22 records of music by Wagner. The books on music are mostly English and German, a few are written in Polish.

E. Ramati is the librarian and Ilana Schindler and E. Halperin will serve as his assistants. The opening of the library marks an event in the development of musical education and of musical life in general, not only in Tel Aviv, but in the whole country. *Mo.*

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